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To: Buchholz, Ken [Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov]; O'Connor, Daniel [oconnor.daniel@epa.gov]
CC: Curry, Tim [Curry.Timothy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: AltEn, Mead NE: NDEE Response request

Sounds good. Just let me know when Doug gets up there or anything changes.

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Sent from my iPad

On Feb 13, 2021, at 8:09 AM, Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov> wrote:

Scott,
Just FYI. Last night I had Dave Hoefer call Doug to discuss regulatory authorities. And I also sent Danny/Doug the health / water / risk benchmarks (for likely fungicide and pesticides) compiled by Beringer's risk assessors.
Since Doug reports/works for Danny; I'll have Danny do all response reporting going forward. I'm around all weekend; so Tim and I can help him with content, contacts, etc.
Thanks
P.S. I think this facility is in or near John Frey's subarea; so, am including him, Jeff and Randy as a FYI. For more info. Google AltEN, Mead, NE for the latest media reports. There is a bunch.

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On Feb 12, 2021, at 11:14 PM, Hayes, Scott <Hayes.Scott@epa.gov> wrote:

Jim,

Yes. On-Scene Coordinator Doug Ferguson plans to mobilize in the morning.

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On Feb 12, 2021, at 9:42 PM, Macy, Jim
<jim.macy@nebraska.gov> wrote:

Scott

We have an emergency at a ethanol plant near Mead Nebraska called Alt En. They have a shut down order from us and in process of shutting down they are freezing up and have about 4 million gallons of thin silage and a liquefied manure going off site. Would you have ability to assist?

Immediate concern is the ability of the plant to control leaks during this sub zero weather. Additionally the facility has several vessels that contain a pesticide used in seed corn production that we have found to bioaccumulate in the wet cake and process water. The lagoons are approximately Within 2 feet of topping

Late today the site experienced compounding emergencies with two additional undisclosed vessels that contain liquid manure and are also freezing and or have potential to rupture.

We need assistance to assess the site, make technical recommendations on contain/control and overall management. As of 1730 ndee has taken effluent samples approximately 1 mile downstream from site. This is already impacting University of Nebraska research fields.

Please keep this list informed of next steps.

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